

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

Claims 4, 8, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Chang. The rejections were respectfully traversed, as the requirements of anticipation have not been met. Chang fails to teach the “tokens” and “related expressions” as taught by the present invention and precisely defined in the specification.

As previously stated, the present invention teaches tokens that can, in a very specific and novel manner, help identify relevant information in a queried document even if the information is in a form other than that of the original query terms. The tokens of the present invention have a predetermined meaning and follow a predetermined format including predetermined keywords and identifiers to help improve query processing. Applicants have incorporated language describing this distinction into the independent claim herein.

All pending claims are believed to be allowable as amended. The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been carefully considered. The Examiner is invited to call Applicants’ undersigned representative if a telephone conference will expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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